

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A cigarette dispensing and lighter holding combination device comprising:

a housing having a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, a first side wall and a second side wall, a first dividing wall extending from said first side wall to said second side wall, a second dividing wall extending between said first dividing wall and said front wall, a first compartment being defined between said first dividing wall and said back wall, a second compartment being defined between said second dividing wall and said first side wall and a third compartment being defined between said second dividing wall and said second side wall, said first dividing wall having a vertical slot therein extending upwardly from said bottom wall and into said first and third compartments, a covering being removably positioned on said housing, said covering having an aperture therein extending into said third compartment and an opening therein extending into said second compartment, wherein a lighter may be positioned in said second compartment and a plurality of cigarettes may be positioned in the third compartment; and

an actuating assembly being mounted in said first compartment and extending into said third compartment through said first vertical slot for selectively lifting a cigarette upwardly through said aperture in said covering.

2. The device according to claim 1, wherein said actuating assembly includes:

a lifting plate positioned in said third compartment and positioned adjacent to said vertical slot;
a lifting arm being attached to said lifting plate; and
an actuator being integrally coupled to said lifting arm for selectively moving said lifting plate upwardly such that a cigarette positioned on said lifting plate is extended upwardly through said aperture, said actuator extending through said second side wall.

3. The device according to claim 2, wherein said vertical slot is positioned adjacent to said second dividing wall.

4. The device according to claim 2, further including a panel being positioned between said covering and said first dividing wall, an opening arm being attached to said panel for selectively moving said panel from a first position closing said aperture to a second position opening said aperture, said opening arm being integrally coupled to said actuator such that said opening arm moves said panel to said second position when said lifting arm moves said plate upwardly.

5. A cigarette dispensing and lighter holding combination device comprising:

a housing having a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, a first side wall and a second side wall, a first dividing wall extending from said first side wall to said second side wall, a second dividing wall extending between said first dividing wall and said front wall, said second dividing wall being positioned nearer said first side wall than said second side wall, a first compartment being defined between said first dividing wall and said back wall, a second compartment being

defined between said second dividing wall and said first side wall and a third compartment being defined between said second dividing wall and said second side wall, said first dividing wall having a vertical slot therein extending upwardly from said bottom wall and into said first and third compartments, said vertical slot being positioned adjacent to said second dividing wall, a covering being removably positioned on said housing, said covering being spaced from said first dividing wall, said covering having an aperture therein, said aperture extending into said third compartment and being positioned adjacent to said second dividing wall, said covering having an opening extending therethrough and into said second compartment, wherein a lighter may be positioned in said second compartment and a plurality;

an actuating assembly being mounted in said first compartment and extending into said third compartment for selectively lifting a cigarette upwardly through said aperture in said covering, said actuating assembly including;

a lifting plate positioned in said third compartment and positioned adjacent to said vertical slot;

a lifting arm being positioned in said first compartment, said lifting arm extending through said slot and being attached to said lifting plate;

an actuator being integrally coupled to said lifting arm for selectively moving said lifting plate upwardly such that a cigarette positioned on said lifting plate is extended upwardly through said aperture, said actuator extending through said second side wall;

a panel being positioned between said covering and said first dividing wall;

an opening arm being attached to said panel for selectively moving said panel from a first position closing said aperture to a second position opening said aperture, said opening arm being integrally coupled to said actuator such that said opening arm moves said panel to said second position when said lifting arm moves said plate upwardly.

6. The device according to claim 5, wherein said lifting arm includes a vertically orientated first arm having an upper end and a lower end, said upper end of said first arm is pivotally coupled to said first dividing wall and positioned adjacent to said second side wall, a horizontally orientated second arm includes a first end and a second end, said first end of said second arm is pivotally attached to said first dividing wall and positioned adjacent to said lower end of said first arm. a foot being integrally attached to and extending downwardly and away from said first end of said second arm, said foot extending toward said second side wall, said second end of said second arm being positioned adjacent to an upper end of said slot, a leg being attached to said second end of said second arm and extending downwardly therefrom, a bottom end of said leg being integrally attached to said plate, said actuator extending through the second side wall and being attached to said first arm, wherein depressing said actuator forces said foot downward such that said leg and the attached plate is lifted.

7. The device according to claim 6, further including a biasing member, said biasing member being U-shaped and having a first end attached to the first arm and a second end attached to the second arm, said biasing member biasing said second arm toward a horizontal position.

8. The device according to claim 6, wherein said opening arm includes a first elongated member having first end integrally attached to said panel and a second end positioned adjacent to said bottom wall, said first elongated member having first bend, a second bend and a third bend therein, each of the first, second and third bends each having generally a same angle such that said first elongated member extends downwardly from said covering to said first bend, extends downward and toward said first side wall to said second bend, downward along said first side wall to said third bend and from said third bend toward said second side wall and downward, said second end of said first elongated member being positioned adjacent to said slot and between said slot and said first side wall, a second elongated member being integrally attached to and extending upwardly from said second end of said first elongated member, a third elongated member being integrally attached to and extending between a top end of said second elongated member and said upper end of the first arm such that said third elongated member is angled upwardly from said second elongated member to said first arm, wherein depressing of said actuator lifts said second elongated member such that the panel is moved toward said second side wall.

9. The device according to claim 8, further including a biasing arm being integrally attached to said first arm and extending toward and abutting said third elongated member, said biasing arm being angled upwardly such that said biasing arm and said third elongated member form an angle directed toward said first arm, said angle having a measurement greater than 90 degrees.